1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jharkhand	1471	2233	2965	3225	2079	2456
Karnataka	4727	4769	6337	6626	6067	3185
Kerala	6275	4832	6421	3721		
Lakshadweep	4	1	6	7	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	8291	7593	9324	9533	7640	8476
Maharashtra	26546	22147	11947	13400	9628	12175
Manipur						
Meghalaya	27	36	18	33		
Mizoram	150	116	49	84		0
Nagaland	27	36	18	33		
Orissa	3031	4259	4403	4658		
Pondicherry	103	92	89	0	114	205
Punjab	9066	9308	10669	9831	9309	8973
Rajasthan	11262	12028	13348	14507		
Sikkim	12	13	6	10		
Tamil Nadu	3858	4022	4567	4480		
Tripura						
Uttar Pradesh	24608	6466	24799	6431		
Uttaranchal	2189	2393	1729	1881	952	1006
West Bengal	3860	4243	4193	4400		
TOTAL:	165298	129997	152832	130887	59656	49021

Note: * Columns are left blank, where no information is received.

** Includes cases filed during previous years.

Calamity assistance to Kerala

3875. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government sought the natural calamity and drought

relief assistance to sustain the croplessness and scarcity of drinking water due to the severe drought and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many districts in that State are declared as drought affected areas and the details of calamity assistance sought therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to grant the assistance sought for and if so, the details thereof and whether Government would also consider to waive the interest of agriculture loans to drought affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala neither reported drought on account of deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2004 nor submitted any memorandum seeking Central assistance in the wake of any drought for 2004-05. The State Government had, however, submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 3847 crores for "Revival of Agriculture Sector" in the State which included assistance towards Agriculture Input Subsidy for damage to crops. On the basis of recommendations of a multi-disciplinary team which visited the State, assistance of Rs. 106 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was released to the State towards Agriculture Input Subsidy for damage to crops.

There is no scheme under operation which provides for waiver of interest on agriculture loans. Standing instructions have, however, been issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Banks for providing relief to farmers affected by natural calamities. These, *inter-alia*, include conversion/ rescheduling of loans in the event of natural calamity for period ranging from 3 to 9 years depending upon the successive crop failure/intensity of damage to crops and conversion of principal as well as interest due on the existing loans.

Pulses cultivation in TN

3876. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project is being implemented for increasing area of cultivation of pulses in Tamil Nadu;